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1. EMBASSY HAS KNOWN OF ONLY ONE CASE IN PAST 18 MONTHS OF AN AMERICAN EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTY AT TIME OF ENTRY INTO TUNISIA BECAUSE OF ISRAELI VISA IN HIS PASSPORT (HE WAS EVENTUALLY PERMITTED ENTER AFTER TWO-HOUR DISCUSSION). ON OTHER HAND, EMBASSY AWARE OF ONLY HANDFUL OF CASES WHERE AMERICANS ADMITTED WITH ISRAELI VISA IN PASSPORTS. IN THESE CASES WE ASSUME FOR WANT OTHER EVIDENCE THAT TUNISIANS SIMPLY DIDN'T SEE VISA. CONCLUSION IS THAT FEW AMERICANS COME HERE WITH ISRAELI VISAS IN PASSPORTS.

2. WE WOULD PREFER NOT RAISE MATTER WITH GOT SINCE, IF WE DO, WE ALMOST CERTAINLY WILL GET REPLY SAYING AMCITS WITH SUCH VISAS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ENTER.

3. RESULT IS THAT WHILE CHANCES GOOD AMCIT WITH ISRAELI VISA IN PASSPORT COULD ENTER WITHOUT TROUBLE, WE HAVE NO ASSURANCE SUCH WILL BE CASE AND WOULD NOT WISH TAKE RISK. IF CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS DO HAVE SUCH VISAS, DEPARTMENT SHOULD MAKE APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS THEIR BEHALF AS SUGGESTED REFTEL.

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